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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS TO TELLICHERRY

1750

(VOLUME XII)

[From July to November 1750]

Nº. 1

[To] THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

THE Hoñble Court of Directors by the Lynn that Arrived here the 6th. Instant having Dismiss'd M^r. Floyer from their Service as likewise M^r. William Holt and appointed the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esq^r. to [be] President and Several of their late Madrass Servants whom they have reinstated to be of the Council here as neither M^r. Saunders nor any of the rest of the Members are yet Arrived I am now to acquaint you that your Several favours of the [10th.] April 31st. May and 13th. June have been duely received and that what the Pattamar fellow Urged of having been here with the former was very just but as it was directed for Callicut M^r. Floyer thought it improper to Open it [and] Ordered him to carry it thither which was the Occasion of his returning to you the Packet for Bombay accompanying your Second Letter was to have been forwarded by the Britannia Who Sailed the 28th. Ultimo but Captain Somner Went away without it therefore as I shall Dispatch a Pattamar thither now it shall go by it.

The York and Prince Edward having both Arrived the beginning of last Month Sailed the latter End for China and the 13th. Instant the Grantham came in with Benjamin Robins Esq^r. on board Who is Engineer General to the Hoñble Company. the Duke of Cumberland that came out with her was unfortunately last upon the Coast of Guinea near Cape Verd and no part of her Cargo has yet been Saved tho there is hopes that her Treasure will when the Season will admit of their Working upon the Wreck the Supra-Cargoes having fitted out a Sloop and Long Boat for that purpose. I am

FORT ST. DAVID

17TH. JULY 1750.

REC^D. THE 7TH. AUGUST FOLLOWING

⌘ PATTAMAR.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servant
STRINGER LAWRENCE.

Nº. 2

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELL^{RY}.

SIR AND SIRs

By this Pattamar you will receive my Disbursements and Cash Account for last month. I am

CALLICUT
8TH. AUGUST 1750.

[REC^D.] THE 12TH. FOLLOW^G.

⌘ PATTAMAR.

SIR & SIRs
Your Obedient Servant
RICH^D. SECKER.

No. 3

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. THO^S. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. COUNCIL AT TELL^{RY}.

SIR AND SIRs

Your Commands dated the 7th. came to hand Yesterday with Six quire of Small Paper.

Condoty Paquy his Nephew has not as yet procured any Pepper and when he dose [*sic*] I will advise you thereof agreeable to your directions.

The Musquets and Bayonets are agreeable to Captain Mostyn his List. I am

CALLICUT

11TH. AUGUST 1750.

☿ PATTAMAR

REC^D. THE 13TH. FOLLOW^G.

SIR AND SIRs

Your Obedient Servant

R^D. SECKER.

No. 4

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.

SIR

Sence my Departure from Bombay I have found a man on Board me [*sic*] belonging to one of the Hon^{ble} Companys Vessells there I now send him on Shore and beg you will by the first Opportunity Send him back again acquainting the Governour there that it was intirely unknown to me his being on Board my Ship. I am

SHIP SEVERN

IN TELlicherry ROAD.

AUGUST THE 18TH. 1750.

SIR

Your most Humble Servant

RICH^D. DORRILL.

No. 5

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. THO^S. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELL^{RY}.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

WE are now to acknowledge the receipt of your two favours dated the 9th. May and 24th. July with the Treasure and our Superiors Commands that accompanied them.

The Investments both of Cloth and Pepper made by us having greatly exceeded all Expectation we find ourselves under an immediate necessity of applying to you for a Supply of Cash, and the last advance made this day on Account thereof reducing our Ball^a. to Rupees five thousand One hundred and Eight and forty five reas We therefore now return your Pattamars to request fifty thousand Rupees may be sent us in the quickest manner possible either by Sea or land and as the Exchange of Rupees have been very low for some time past (and still continuing so) we shou^d be glad to receive that amount in Venetians or in China Gold as they will answer much better than Silver if the former is procurable from four hundred and thirty to four Hundred and forty Rupees ☿ hundred Venetians full weight and shod Gold of ninety two Touch at about four hundred and thirty Rupees ☿ Shoe. We are in hopes soon of increasing our Pepper contract very considerably but at present not certain of the quantity therefore cannot ascertain what Sum will be required from you in the whole till the same is concluded but to compleat the Investment already made and defraying the monthly charges of this Settlement till December next we compute Rupees One hundred and twenty thousand (1,20,000) will be wanting and Agreeable to Our Superiors last Commands now desire you will remit us that amount as occasions offer when the Season opens (including the 50,000 Rupees therein).

By Letters from Fort St. David we are advised that our Honble Masters Ships Portfield, York, Prince Edward, Grantham and Lynn are all Safely arrived there. The latter left England in March last and by whom the Honble Company were pleased to dismiss Governour Floyer and Mr. Holt their Service, appointing the Honble Thomas Sanders Esq^r. President and Several of their Maddrass Servants members of Council. She likewise brings the mallancholly news of the Duke of Cumberlands being lost on the Coast of Guinia near Cape Verd with every thing on board except her Crew five of whom where only drowned however the Super Cargoes we find were in hopes of recovering the Treasure having fitted out a Sloop and Long Boat to work upon the Wreck when the weather will permit.

WHEN we are at some certainty in respect to enlarging the Investment our Superiors Commands will be replied to and the Pacquet recommended to your Care at which time we shall add what may be further necessary to mention in respect thereto and till then beg you will believe us to be.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

ANJENGO
AUGUST THE 17TH. 1750.
P^R. PATTAMAR.

THOMAS BYFELD.
THOMAS PATTLE.
JOHN ROBINSON.

N^O. 6

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELlichERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Commands dated the 25th. Inst^t. came to hand this day wherein you direct me to send you theese Books as soon as possible which shall be duely adhered to as soon a I receive the prices of the Six spare Musquets and Bayonets you ordered me to bring on this years Books in your Commands under the 7th. Instant.

CALLICUT
28 AUGUST 1750.
REC^D. THE 30TH. FOLLOWING
P^R. TONEY.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Humble Servant
RICHARD SECKER.

N^O. 7

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELlichERRY.

SIR & SIRS

YOUR Commands under yesterdays date came to hand a few hours past and agreeable thereto now transmit you my Books.

THE Invoice I transmitted you in March is Erronious you'll please therefore to Rectify it by theese Books.

CALLICUT
31ST. AUGUST 1750.
REC^D. THE 1ST. SEPT^R. FOLLOW^G.
P^R. TONEY.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient Servant
RICH^D. SECKER.

N^o. 8

TO THE W^o. THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^r.
CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELLEBY.

SIR & SIRs

IN Conformity to the directions of last Council We have looked over the Island Durmapatam taking to our Assistance Lieutenant John Johnson, John Frazier, Kellepo Nair and Mannaree Corouropa, and find the Grounds thereon to be as follows.

THE Hon^{ble} Companys Plantations in general are very ill looked after, so much that those whom we took to our assistance esteemed Trees that have been planted Six years to be only the growth of four years and others that have been planted four years to be only the growth of two years and a half. The Coffrees have been suffered to sow yams in the Hon^{ble} Co^s. Plantations which is esteemed prejudicial to the Trees as being of a hot nature therefore We think this Should not be permitted in future. The above mentioned people judge it will be eight years before any of the Hon^{ble} Companys plantations will yield Coconuts excepting a few Trees that are near some of the Coffrees Houses which now give fruit, and that every Acre of Ground should have two People to look after it. They likewise are of Opinion that Pepper would grow very well in most of these Grounds sett in the manner Johnsons and Frazers are that is between the Coconut Trees. At Meylure there are Several large Trees proper for Pepper Vines and as they esteem this a fitt place for the same We beg leave to recommend it to your Consideration.

THE Plantations of Christopher Bilderbeck John Johnson, Edward Targett, John Frazer and Jozeph Alves are in a flourishing condition and well cultivated but that of Leonard Lopes is in a very bad condition, it being not near half planted with Trees, nor what is half taken care off.

SEVERAL People who have Grounds on benefit or Improvement have taken but little care to plant the same sufficiently with Trees, therefore We think they should be called on, and that in future great care ought to be taken when Ground is given in this manner to see its well planted, that is for every Acre of Land to contain one hundred Coconut Trees as also that no more Ground be given to any one Person than what he has circumstances to improve or cultivate many of these people who have land on benefit have gathered fruit some for Six Years Some for five years and so on and hitherto have paid nothing to the Hon^{ble} Company, therefore We think their Several Grants or leases should be examined into that our Hon^{ble} Masters may receive their proportion and the People obliged to perform what Stipulated therein.

We can't help begging leave to recommend to your favour Kiaca Manna and Ponnapa Conna Moupa their Grounds being both better cultivated and more care taken of than any. We see who have Lands on benefit, the formers Plantations now bears and ought to pay what Stipulated by Agreement but the Collectors Assistants informed us the late Chief the last year as an encouragement allowed him three years longer.

WE are of opinion there ought to be kept in the Collectors office a Register Book of every Person that have Lands on the Island specifying the quantity of Ground each Man has, the Condition, with the time he took it &c^a. for want of which we were obliged to have recourse to his assistants.

We are with Respect

SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}.

A^a. DOUGLAS.

WILLIAM HORNEY.

TELLEBY.

THE 4TH. SEPT^R. 1750.

Nº. 9

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. COUNCIL OF TELL^{RY}.

SIR & SIRs

AGREEABLE to your directions under the 29th. Ultimo I have made strict enquiry in Regard to Shoe Gold of ninety two touch and find there is none procurable either is there of any other Sort to any amount.

WAREHOUSEKEEPER and Pay Master their Several Indents for the Year I have rec^d. and which shall be comply'd with as soon as possible.

THE Bamboes that are here at present are but very indifferent therefore must be obliged to Stay till others are procurable. I am

CALLICUT
SEPT^R. 3^D. 1750.
REC^D. THE 6TH. FOLLOW^G.
P^R. TONEY.

SIR & SIRs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. SECKER.

Nº. 10

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELL^{RY}.

W^O. SIR & SIRs

YESTERDAY afternoon we rec^d. your favour dated the 29th. Ultimo with fifty thousand Rupees (50,000 R^s.) Escorted by a Serjeants Command in four Toneyes and thô you mention nothing about their return still we presume the Military may be wanted for Duty, therefore now dispatch them back, as another Opportunity of writing will soon offer by a Munchua belonging to your Settlement that laid up the rains in this River, at which time we are in hopes of being upon some certainty in respect to the Pepper Investment as the Governments People and some private Merchants are dailey expected here for concluding the same. To carry on what is already made the Rupees you have been pleased to send us will be Sufficient but as this Specie lowers in value to the Southw^d. daily we impatiently wait to receive the Gold you give us hopes of providing at Mahie and Callicut to advance our Cloth Contractors who will we imagine apply for the same very shortly.

ALL due enquiry has been made about the Box of Locks you mention to be missing but we do not find by the General Books or Storekeepers Receipts and Issues any such were rec^d. here Pr. Oxford on which Ship the Stores designed for this Place from the Presidency Pr. Stretham 1748 was then sent from your Settlement But we observe in April 1748 a small Box containing four Locks were rec^d. more than Invoiced which was mentioned in a Letter from hence to the then Chief and Factors who in reply declared that upon reference had to the Bombay Invoice they were not incerted therefore imagined they belonged to Some private Persons here desiring if they did not the Presidency might be advised of what was necessary to mention about them.

WE have only to add at present Our assurance of being.

W^O. SIR & SIRs
Your most Humble Servants

ANJO. THE 4TH. SEPT^R. 1750.
REC^D. 13TH. FOLLOWING
P^R. TONEY.

T. BYFELD.
T. PATTLE.
JOHN ROBINSON.

N^o. 11

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRs

By this conveyance you will receive my accou[nts] for last Month. I am

SIR & SIRs
Your Obedient Servant

CALLICUT
SEPT^R. 12TH. 1750.
P^R. TONEY.

R^D. SECKER.

N^o. 12

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRs

YOUR Commands dated the 10th. Inst^t. came to hand this day and Agreeable thereto will Send you two thousand Bamboes (2000) in the Morning.

The reason of my debting your Factory for thirteen Maunds of Pepper amounting to Rupees Seventy five one quarter and Sixty reas (75. 1. 60) said to be sent you in March and omitted in that Months Invoice was occasioned by a deficiency of that quantity in making up the whole amount purchased according to Callicut weigh Seven Maunds being only transmitted you instead of twenty which loss of weight should have been wrote off to its Proper head, had I not been advised that two hundred and twenty Candies had been rec^d. in Tellicherry agreeable to your weights and if so I apprehend you would not have the same brought up on these Books. I am

CALLICUT
SEPT^R. 13TH. 1750.
P^R. TONEY.
REC^D. THE 14TH. FOLLOW^G.

SIR & SIRs
Your Obedient Servant
R^D. SECKER.

N^o. 13

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRs

By these Toney's you will receive two Thousand Bamboes. I am

CALLIC^T. 14TH. SEPT^R. 1750.
REC^D. THE 19TH. FOLLOWING.
P^R. TONEY.

SIR AND SIRs
Your Obedient Servant
RICH^D. SECKER.

N^o. 14

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL}. THOS. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELL^{RY}.

SIR & SIRs

AGREEABLE to order of last Council for examin^g. into the Wood and Ghee laid in the time of the French War, we find as follows.

Wood 737046 Billets greatly decayed.
Ghee 256 Maunds 2 Pounds very Good.

Also the Goa Arrack in Warehouse being two Hogsheads all sour and unserviceable.

THE PayMr. will be in want for the present Year expences, Ghee Six Maunds, Wood eighty thousand Billets when there will remain as follows.

Wood 657046 Billets.

Ghee 250 Maunds 2 Pounds.

TELLICHERRY

THE 14TH. SEPT^R. 1750.

We are

SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

WM. HORNBY.

CHAS. WATERS.

N^o. 15

TO THE W^o. THO^s. DORRILL ESQ^R.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

WORTHY SIR & SIRs

IN January last a Verge Land having been Granted me by the Chief and Collector on Condition that I payid unto the Honble Company the Same as the Verge was formerly Rented at, I humbly Request you will please to grant me a lease there of the Same being omitted to be given me when I took the Ground, as I am willing to Take it either on the terms other Renters of Paddy Grounds do or at the Rate of four Rupees Pr. Acre which Ever you will Please to determine, I am with Respect.

WORTHY SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and much Obliged Hble
Servant

JOHN JOHNSON.

DURMAPATAM

THE 25TH. SEPTEMBER 1750.

N^o. 16

TO THE W^o. THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. COUNCIL OF TELL^{RY}.

SIR & SIRs

NOT having rec^d. any Regulations Since those remitted from the Presidency for my Guidance in the Pay Office which has occasioned Some Irregularities I must beg leave to offer the following for your Consideration.

The Several Commanders of their Respective Companies whenever a Soldier Either Topass, European, Corporal or others be discharged or did Claim the Pay due to Such Persons even if not indebted to them as likewise his Coat whether to allow the Same in future or not.

THE Stopages made at presence for private debts are

From a Serjeant	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—	—
Corporal	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	—
European	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	—
Drummers according to their Pay									
Mustee	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Topass	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—

I request your Directions whether I am to Continue The same in future and what further Stoppage I am to make from Each an Account Cloathing and what Time to allow?

THE Commanders deliver me now only a List of what I am Stop from each Man without any Account So that Should any Dispute arise I am unable to Satisfy the Person or know whether they Charge reasonably for their Stops therefore request they may be Directed to deliver one in from their own Pay Book drawn in the following manner.

Ballance of last Month
For the several Things
delivered mentioning
the Particulars.

by which each means Account being thus Settled Monthly it will prevent any Irregularity.

THERE being likewise a small Allowance to the Serjeant Major from each Serjeant of $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupee P^r. Month Whether I am to Stop the Same in future?

THESE being such as have Occurred to me and what are Necessary induced me to offer them for your Consideration and Such Resolutions you may think proper to come to thereon and what further Regulations you may Esteem Necessary Shall be punctually adhered to by.

TELLICHERRY
OCT^r. THE 1st. 1750.

SIR & SIRs
Your most Humble Servant

CHARLES WATERS.
Pay M^r.

[Letters No. 17 to 23 are missing in the original.]

N^o. 24

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRs

I REC^d. your Order of the 12th. Instant and in Regard to contradicting your Worship &c^a. opinion that it has been taken in that Light I never intended it So, I only gave you mine and this I must beg Leave to Say that it is the first time ever I was called to an Account for want of Shewing a Due respect for Obedience was the first thing I Learnt as a Soldier.

I RETURN you thanks for advising me wherein I was Cupable in not Sticking up to the Regulations.

As to visiting the Hospitall agreeable to the Regulations I gave orders to the Officers to visit the Same which was done by the Officer that went off guard and as for the him I was upon guard being 35 days their was an Officer to do it Cap^t. Bilderbeck being Sick.

As to Releveing the out Posts the Chief was allways acquainted with any that went to Maddacarra or else where and Never fault found in future they shall be relived [*sic*] monthly unless otherways ordered.

No officer or Soldier has continued at his hours by my consent as for Mighuel De Leavero Corporall he was permitted to stay at home by Mr. Hornby who I had orders to make all Reports too while the Chief was absent.

In Regard to the Defferences at the pay Table the people themselves were the occation [*sic*] of them they not Rembering [*sic*] how their accounts stood for which their accounts was examined and they found themselves in the wrong to which every man Signed his name to his Acco^t.

As to the Recrutes sent to Bombay which I was ordered to Rase [*sic*] they were the people turned out on Reducement of this Garrison so that had they been so bad as is Represented I belive they would have been out Long befor in Regard to the money that was advanced them it was on account they complained they were Quite Cair of Neceasserys and told me they could not proseed without, as having famillys &c^a. which I advised the Pay Master off who made answier and said you must then

advance them Something each man and it will be paid you again which Sum was Rupees 102. —. 40 which Account I sent to Captain Gibbs that it might be stopped by the Captains in what Company they might be destributed into but as for Receiving any of the paymaster on that head not a Cash.

TELLICHERRY
OCT^R. 19TH. 1750.

I am
WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Hble Servant
THOMAS MOSTYN.

N^o. 25

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & CA. COUNCIL AS [*sic*] TELL^{RY}.

SIR & SIRS

It is with no Small Concern that I am Obliged to Trouble you Gentlemen with any Controversies of Mine, but as my Character is Touched by Captain Mostyn in his last Paragraph, to Clear myself therefore from Such an Imputation I must beg leave to offer the following and then Submit to your Consideration esteeming myself much obliged to you for given me the Opportunity.

In my Account for the Month of January you will please to observe there is only One hundred Rupees (100. —. —) Charged whereas the Sum advanced by me to the New Recruits was 104 Rupees this arose, that my Account and the General Letter to the Presidency might Agree but as Captain Mostyn absolutely denies ever receiving the same I shall endeavour to Convince you Gentlemen as far as the Thing will admit of a Conviction that the money was Disbursed by me.

For this purpose therefore I now lay before you the Pay Book with the adjustment of January's Disbursements in both which the 104 Rupees appears to have been paid. In his Letter you will please to observe he absolutely denies ever receiving a Cash from me on Account the new recruits but in Council among other things said he was ready to Swear to the best of his Knowledge he never was paid any thing. This I think is showing a Diffidence whether he had or had not for was he Certain he Surely would have offered to Swear directly and not in such indirect Terms as above. But to show further his Uncertainty, I have a flagrant Instance to inform you of some time since he sent Chandu Nair to my head assistant to know if he had advanced him any Money an [*sic*] Account the New Recruits, now had he been Certain of never Receiving any Money on that Head why this Message Surely, if he keeps any Accounts from them he would have known, and if he keeps none it is not probable nay possible that a Persons Memory can be so Good as to recollect for 8 Months all Receipts and Disbursements in that time, and if this is the Case I leave the impartial to judge whether accounts regularly Carried on from Month to Month are Not to be relied on before a Persons Memory. Captain Mostyn is a little Mistaken in Saying he Spoke to me about the Recruits, it was to M^r. Douglas to speak to the Chief, who accordingly did and wrote me by the Chiefs order to make the advance for the Truth of which I appeal to that Gentleman Now from hence a very natural question may be asked which is that in Case he Intended to advance the New Recruits out of his own money and at his own Risque why this Application to the Chief but even to allow that he did Speak to me and that I returned him the Answer he mentions, has he ever applied to me for being Reimbursed, and I can affirm the first Time I heard of Captain Mostyn having given the New Recruits money was from Reading the General Letter last received from the Presidency.

BEFORE I Conclude I must beg leave to point out to you a very Remarkable Instance of Captain Mostyn's bad Memory and show that he keeps no Accounts, In the Time of the late Chief there was a Considerable Difference in the Rice that is from what enserted in the Several Rolls and what rec^d. from the Warehouse; when I acquainted Captain Mostyn of this he was as positive as now and not Relying on the Account I had drawn out of the Same applied himself to M^r. Byfeld who took the Trouble to Settle it, but Strange when he was Called on for his Rice Book

he had none to Produce but only Slips of Paper however my account being Examined and found Just Captain Mostyn was ordered to make Good the Difficiency and which you will please to observe appears in the Pay Book now before you.

I CANNOT likewise Pass over the Declaration made in Council by the Serjeant Major which Agrees with the Sum advanced by me Rup^s. 104. —. —. This with Captain Mostyn's Refusing to produce his Cash Book (which every Gentlemen thô not a Merchant for his own Satisfaction I beleive keeps but what his Motive may be for Refusing Such a Request I can't say) beleive will not appear in his favour however I submit the whole to your Judgement being with the Greatest Respect.

TELLICHERRY

OCT^R. THE 26TH. 1750.

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Humble Servant

CHAS^S. WATERS.

N^o. 26

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THO^S. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRs

YOUR favour dated the 11th. Inst^t. we rec^d. yesterday and now return the Toney's and Detachment that brought the Supply of Rupees fifty thousand (50000) you was pleased to Send us which will be Sufficient for all present Demands, thô we are still in want of Rupees Two hundred Twenty four thousand Two hundred and eighty five and four Reas (224285. —. 04) to compleat our Investments already Contracted for (which greatly exceeds what was Expected when we wrote you in August last) therefore request the accompanying Packet may be transmitted Our Superiours with the greatest Expedition the advices Contained therein being of the utmost Consequence to our Hon^{ble} Masters affairs, and in Case we shou^d be in want of more Cash before answers arrive thereto you shall have timely notice thereof that it may be taken up at Interest, if Necessary.

WE are not as yet certain what quantity of Pepper will be gott at this Settlement the Ensuing Season but our Contracts hitherto amounts to Two thousand eight hundred and twenty Candies, and we have in Warehouse one Hundred and twenty Six Candies Nine Maunds and Two Pounds (126. 9. 2) of Pepper with five thousand three hundred and Sixty Two Pieces and a half of Cloth besides thirteen thousand Seven hundred and twenty four Pieces of the Latter in readiness at Cotata which will be sent for when the weather clears up, and we Sincerely Wish, that Success may attend your early advancing for the new Crop of Pepper towards providing for the heavy Tonnage that will be on hand this Season.

The Soldier you mention (named Pedro Mendes) having liberty to be Exchanged when Ensign Edgertons Command was at your Settlement and Since petitioned for his discharge the Same has been granted it appearing by his petition, that he had Served the Hon^{ble} Company upwards of five and twenty years, so that Balthazar Vonderbeg is now returned with your Command, the former not being under Our Direction at present.

We send by these Toney's Two Europeans that lately left the King of Travancore's Service, who by their behaviour appear to be sober good men, but as Entertaining of them here may in all probability give disgust and make his Majesty imagine it was by our Instigation they left him, We deem it more prudent to send them away in this manner that they may get Service either at your Settlement or at the Presidency.

THE Cartridges your Detachment brought down being damaged by the bad weather they meet with in the Passage Our Commanding Military Officer ordered them to be dried and repaired, out of which Two Hundred and Forty three were

quite spoiled, so that we have ordered that quantity to be delivered out of Our Store and Shall Debt your Factory for Rupees Twenty and a Quarter (20. 1. —) for the Amount thereof as the Spare Balls are now returned.

ANJENGO

OCT^R. 24TH. 1750.

P.S. The two Europeans have been Supplied with Ten Days Provisions.

REC^D. THE 4TH. NOVEMBER FOLLOW^G.

PR. TONEY.

We are

WORSHIP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD.

JOHN ROBINSON.

N^o 27

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THOS. DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

THIS Serves to acquaint You that the accompanying Dispatches were in readiness to deliver the Serjeant of your Command last Night but a Squall coming on prevented his proceeding therefore we hope he will incur no Censure.

ANJENGO

OCT^R. 25TH. 1750.

REC^D. THE 4TH. NOVEM^R. 1750.

PR. TONEY.

We are

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD.

THOMAS PATTLE.

JOHN ROBINSON.

N^o. 28

TO THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

By this Munchua you will receive three Hundred and Sixty Bales of Chunam and One hundred large Baskets.

YOUR Indent for Chunam dated the 29th. August last is for no more than what I sent you under the 12th. Ultimo therefore should you still be in want you will please to advise me the quantity.

CALLICUT

Nov^R. 5TH. 1750.

P.S. The Bottoms of two Lances are wanting.

REC^D. THE 6TH. FOLLOW^G.

PR. TONEY.

I am

SIR AND SIRS
Your Obedient Servant

RP. SECKER.

N^o. 29To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^r.CHIEF & C^a. COUNCIL AT TELlicherry.

GENTLEMEN

ENCLOSED youll receive Letter for the President and Council at Bombay which We desire you'll forward thither being

FORT WILLIAM.

AUGUST 27th. 1750.REC^d. THE 12th. NOV^r. FOLLOWINGP^r. TONEY Via ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

A. DAWSON.

W^m. [lacuna]JN^o. HOLLOND.ROGER DRAKE Jun^r.

M. CRUTTENDEN.

JAMES BLACHFORD.

WILLIAM WATTS.

N^o. 30

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRs

THE occasion of this is purposely to request you Will by the next Oppertunity to Bombay make mention of my now Requesting to be removed thither having Served the Honourable Company faithfully as a Commision Officer going on Thirty years on the Mallabar Coast and do flatter my self that all the Gentlemen I have had the Honour to Serve under will do me that Justice to allow the Same as I have never heard to the Contrary a Compliance with this my request will much obliged

TELL^{ry}.OCT^r. THE 20th. 1750.WORSH^{ll}. SIR & SIRs

Your most Faithfull & most Obedient
Humble Servant

REC^d. THE 14th. NOV^r. FOLLOW^g.THO^s. MOSTYN.N^o. 31To THOMAS DORRILL ESQ^r.CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS IN TELlicherry.

SIR AND SIRs

CONFORMABLE to a Letter rec^d. from the Sec^{ry} the 5th. Sept^r. 1750 directing me to Collect agreeable to a Valuation delivered in by Mr. John Robinson the 8th. of August 1749 from the Verge Lands of Mapalingatta, Andutur and Mylure, I accordingly Sett about it, But on enquiry I found it was a misrepresentation of him the then Collector, for instead of the Hoⁿble Company's receiving the Valuation of the Lands they could only receive the Same as was collected and Paid when Ally Rajah was in possession of the Island. The aforementioned Lands being the Property of the Pagodas and not the Hoⁿble Companys: but in September 1749 the two former were brought on the Hoⁿble Company's Account and now their Value is Collected, but the latter not being Bought continues to pay the Same as formerly, so that the Hoⁿble Company cou'd not be Such considerable Loosers as is set forth, they not being then their properly.

APPLICATION having been made to me by a Tivey who has had Five Verges in the District of Palliatta and has actually reaped no more there from than 1981 Dungoes of Nelly and pays the Hoⁿble Company 1265 Rent, and the Said Verges takes 500 Dungoes to Sow them 1500 Dungoes the Charges and 400 Dungoes Interest which amounts to 3665 Dungoes wherefore he begs his case may be taken into Consideration he being a great Sufferer thereby and on Enquiry I find his representation to be truth. I am

TELLICHERRY

THE 3^d. NOV^r. 1750.REC^d. THE 14th. FOLLOW^g

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Obedient H^{ble} Servant

WILLIAM HORNBY

Coll^r.

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